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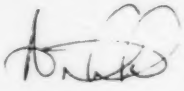
The Honourable Ian G. Waddell
Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture

Sir:

In accordance with section 6.1 of the *Arts Council Act*, I respectfully submit the annual report of the British Columbia Arts Council for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.



Ann Mortifee
Chair
British Columbia Arts Council
1999 - 2000

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Report of the Chair

George Bernard Shaw said that when you look at a work of art, you see your soul. I believe British Columbia's arts and culture reveals the soul of our province and all that we can be. Together with my colleagues on the British Columbia Arts Council, I celebrate the many reflections of artistry and craftsmanship, community building, volunteerism, neighbourhood revitalization, youth creativity, mentorship and international acclaim found in every corner of the province.

But how many of us even realize that when we look at the arts we are gazing at a reflection of ourselves and our communities? Since the Arts Council was established four years ago, we have been concerned that many British Columbians are not aware of the tremendous contribution of arts and culture to our social and economic well-being – a contribution as important to our personal development as health and education.

One of the primary roles of the Arts Council is to support British Columbia's arts and culture through public education, research and advocacy. In 1999, we realized a major goal and produced the province's first ever Arts and Culture Week celebrating British Columbia's arts and culture and its vital role in the province's schools, communities and economy. From November 1 to 7 under the theme "Outside the Lines", hundreds of concerts, festivals, exhibits, workshops, luncheons, tours and special events took place all over British Columbia involving government, business and community leaders, educators and trustees, youth, volunteers and audiences.

A provincial proclamation was issued to celebrate Arts and Culture Week. Ian Waddell, Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, invited British Columbia municipalities to join us in proclaiming the week at the local level. Forty-five communities responded to the invitation and put arts and culture on their municipal agenda.

During Arts and Culture Week we celebrated individuals who have played a significant role in developing and strengthening the arts and culture in British Columbia. The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and Mrs. Garde Gardom joined the Minister and the Arts Council in honouring 50 volunteers, philanthropists, corporate leaders and artists whose contribution has provided leadership and sustained support in many communities.

Over the course of the week I saw first-hand the creative energetic force of arts activities in the lives of British Columbians. I joined children in song, shared story-telling experiences with seniors and experienced the powerful impact of a large-scale symphony and ballet. I felt inspired by the beauty and vitality I experienced everywhere I went.

All of my colleagues on Council were involved in the same way. To mention just two: Bryan Stovell, who has mentored jazz singer Diana Krall and many young musicians, helped to show off the benefits of Nanaimo's new jewel of a facility, the Port Theatre, to government and community leaders. April Ingham participated in Fort St. John's Arts Week celebrations, where each day was themed to celebrate different disciplines and local arts organizations. In many cases, arts and culture was the focus of community news for seven days.

The events profiled during Arts and Culture Week were but a portion of the tremendous amount of the arts and culture activity undertaken in British Columbia over the past year. The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria honoured Kwa-Guilth artist Richard Hunt with an inspiring retrospective. Vancouver's Electric Company literally dazzled audiences with its outdoor theatrical spectacle, The Wake. A record-breaking orchestral performance, a Symphony of a Thousand, an operatic world premiere, international and national tours of dance and theatre, an award-winning film documentary and individual awards of achievement.....these and other arts and culture highlights are listed in this report.

A recent Globe and Mail article titled "High-tech CEO's endorse liberal arts funding" cited 30 leading business leaders who have gone on record to support the need for a liberal arts education amidst a growing trend toward technology-focused training. Of technology workers who began their higher education in the humanities they have this to say, "They have increased their value to our companies, our economy, our culture and themselves, by acquiring the level of cultural and civic literacy that the humanities offer."

When we consider the explosion of creativity in the world today and the rate of change in every aspect of our lives, it's not hard to see why the arts have been cited as essential in preparing people to participate in the new economy. Those who have the ability to think and act creatively, to take risks, to communicate, to improvise, and to see their place in the larger perspective, are becoming more and more valuable in the workplace.

Fifty per cent of British Columbia's new media companies – who employ artists, writers, composers and animators – are expected to double their workforce this year. We're also seeing a number of municipalities increase their support for the arts as the cornerstone for renewed community development and cultural tourism.

I believe that more support for the important role of arts and culture is absolutely essential to our future prosperity. We on the Arts Council are going to work on behalf of British Columbia's arts and culture to encourage government and the private sector to invest fully in the sector's potential. I thank my colleagues on Council, juries, advisory committees and staff who work tirelessly in support of our mandate. And I thank the arts and culture community who have proven their creativity and resilience over and over – surviving, innovating and steadfastly making their mark. Our community, our society as a whole, is richer, stronger and more productive because of their contribution.

Ann Mortifee

Highlights and Achievements

- During Arts and Culture Week, hundreds of special events took place in communities across British Columbia. In Prince Rupert, a special performance united current school district band students with band alumni (and the players, young and old, have continued to perform together). Also, a 24-hour "Arts Blast" fueled the creativity of visual, performing and literary artists and their audiences throughout the Prince Rupert Performing Arts Centre. Both Kamloops and Cranbrook celebrated the arts with a festival while Fernie and Kimberley showcased multicultural projects.

- As a result of appearing at Pacific Contact '99, **Stuart Nemtin (a.k.a. Major Conrad Flapps)** was sponsored by The Road Sense Team (the Autoplan Brokers and ICBC) to create an interactive show promoting traffic safety which toured to over 100 elementary schools in the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island.

- The **Electric Company**'s open-air production of *The Wake* spilled into Vancouver's Granville Island with moving physical theatre, large-scale sets and spectacular choreography. In Victoria, ambitious staging also triumphed with Mahler's Symphony No. 8, Symphony of a Thousand, involving the **University of Victoria Orchestra and Chorus, Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra**, children's chorus and eight soloists under the baton of **János Sándor.**

- **Kokoro Dance** took its unique fusion of Japanese butoh and western modern dance to Germany and Poland for a three-week tour of performances and workshops.

- **Nimpkish Wind Productions**' documentary co-production with the National Film Board of Canada, *T'lina: The Rendering of Wealth*, was honoured with the Best Short Documentary Award at the 1999 American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco.

- In one of the largest national tours in Canadian theatre history the **Vancouver Playhouse Theatre Company** enthralled audiences in Vancouver, Toronto, Ottawa and Winnipeg with its acclaimed production of *The Overcoat*, conceived and directed by Morris Panych and Wendy Gorling.

- The **Victoria Conservatory of Music** settled into its new home, a landmark heritage building containing three performance halls, teaching studios, rehearsal rooms and many new resources for its 1,700 students and the community.

- International critics and opera lovers descended on Victoria for the world premiere of *Erewhon* by Louis Applebaum and Mavor Moore in **Pacific Opera Victoria**'s biggest undertaking in its 20-year history. The Arts Council joins Pacific Opera Victoria in mourning the passing of Louis Applebaum shortly after the opera's premiere.

- **Richard Hunt**'s retrospective *Through My Father's Eyes* opened for a five-month run at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria featuring more than 100 pieces and sculptures celebrating the artist's Kwa-Giulth heritage.

Honour Roll

- British Columbia artists and arts leaders were among appointments to the Order of Canada in the past year. Internationally renowned recording artist **Sarah McLachlan** was made an Officer of the Order. Member appointments included arts-in-education pioneer and Arts Umbrella co-founder **Carol Henriquez**; award-winning music teacher and choral conductor **Diane Loomer**; songwriter and recording artist **Al Oster**; landscape artist and teacher **Takao Tanabe**; public broadcaster and film authority **Elwy Yost**; performing arts producer **David Y.H. Lui**; and, leading arts supporter and volunteer **Gerald A.B. McGavin**.

- Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson presented the 1999 Governor General's Literary Award to Victoria writer **Jan Zwicky** for her book of poetry *Songs for Relinquishing the Earth*. Zwicky, who teaches philosophy at the University of Victoria, is the author of three previous books of poetry. **Mavor Moore**, described as a "Master of all Arts" and a "life force in Canadian culture", was honoured with a Governor General's Performing Arts Award. **Doris Shadbolt** of Vancouver received one of the first Governor General's Awards for Visual and Media Arts for her outstanding contribution as a volunteer to the arts in Canada.

- The province's highest award for outstanding achievement, the Order of British Columbia, was presented to three cultural leaders in 1999. **Jean Jacques André** has designed museum exhibits and multi-media at more than 50 museums around the world including three permanent exhibits at the Royal British Columbia Museum. Philanthropist and volunteer **Eric Charman** is a key player in Victoria's arts scene, leading and encouraging wide-spread support of the arts. **Mavor Moore**, a passionate advocate for the arts whose talents as an actor, producer, director and playwright are legendary, was the first Chair of the British Columbia Arts Council.

- Multi-media artist **Rodney Graham** of Vancouver received the Jean A. Chalmers National Visual Arts Award which honours Canada's premier artists.

- **Janet Rogers**, a Mohawk artist based in Victoria, will research ancient robe paintings and other works on hide from a number of Aboriginal cultures as one of six Native artists to receive the 1999 Native Artists Fellowship from the National Museum of the American Indian. Following her trips to museums in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., she will conduct public presentations to share her findings with her community.

- Two British Columbia artists were named to the inaugural Eiteljorg Fellowship for Native American Fine Art at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art in Indianapolis: Kwakwaka'wakw artist **Marianne Nicholson** of Victoria and Terrace-based **Rick Rivet** of Metis/Dene heritage.

- The Canada Council for the Arts awarded dance educator, administrator, choreographer and writer **Grant Strate** the 1999 Jacqueline Lemieux Prize together with Montreal dancer Marc Boivin.

British Columbia Arts Council Members

In 1999-2000, the members of the British Columbia Arts Council were:

Ann Mortifee, Chair, Cortes Island

Nini Baird, Vice-Chair, West Vancouver

Leon Bibb, Vancouver

Joy Coghill, Vancouver

Merrill M. Gordon, Burnaby

Richard Hunt, Victoria

April Ingham, Fort St. John

David Lawson, Nelson

David Y.H. Lui, Vancouver

Nathalie Macfarlane, Vancouver

Carey Newman, Sooke

Penny Stewart, Prince George

Bryan Stovell, Nanaimo

Frances Wasserlein, Vancouver

Greg Young-Ing, Penticton

Advisors

Jurors and members of advisory committees to the British Columbia Arts Council in 1999-2000 included:

Arts Festivals

Wendy Newman
Ken Pickering
Dugg Simpson

Community Arts

Skai Fowler
Reg Nelligan
Grace Palomar
Sheila Simard
Wedlidi Speck

Creative Writing / Literary / Publishing

Rhonda Batchelor
Aaron Bushkowsky
William Deverell
Terry Glavin
Brian Lam
Sheryl MacFarlane
Susan Mayse
Sharon McCartney
Della McCreary
Shani Mootoo
Jim Munro
Peter Trower
Ann J. West
Calvin Wharton
Terence Young
Mark Zuehlke

Dance

John Alleyne
Barbara Bourget
Desiree Dunbar
Edmond Kilpatrick
Marquita Lester
Duncan Low
Kathleen McDonagh
Susan McKenzie
Gina Sufrin
D-Anne Kuby Trepanier

Media Arts / Film and Video

Justine Bizzocchi
Peter Courtemanche
Mary Daniel
John Dippong
Alan Franey
Eileen Hoeter
Phillip Keatley
Maureen Levitt
Eva Manley
Ruben Moller
Christine Moulson
Valerie Nelson
Wendy Oberlander
Tony Papa
Ileana Pietrobruno
Mark Sawers
Nicole Thompson

Museums / Galleries / Visual Arts

Daina Augaitas
Jann L.M. Bailey
Laiwan Chung
Daniel Ellingsen
Robin Inglis
Martha James
James Lindsay
Robin Mayor
Sally Michener
Sue Morhun
Michael Morris
Eric Robertson
Neil Wedman

Music

Susan deBurgh
Alexandra Browning
Christopher Butterfield
David Devan
Sal Ferreras
Sydney Humphreys
Jacquie Leggatt
Diane Loomer
Julia Nolan
Louis Ranger
John Sereda
Leslie Uyeda
Marguerite Witvoet
Wes Wraggett

Theatre

Pamela Hawthorn
John James Hong
Stephane Kirkland
Patrick McDonald
Janet Munsil
Barbara Poggemiller
David Ross
Ian Rye
Donna Spencer

Program Staff

Executive Director	Richard Brownsey
Associate Director	Jeremy Long
Arts Awards for Individuals	Walter Quan
Community and Regional Arts	Julie Poskitt
Literary and Publishing	David Basi
Professional Performing Arts	Gillian Brydon
Visual & Media Arts	Don Lindsay

Professional Arts Development

Operating Assistance

Funds are awarded to assist non-profit arts and cultural organizations and institutions with general operations:

Arts and Cultural Service Organizations

Art Starts in Schools	70,000
Assembly of BC Arts Councils	75,000
BC Choral Federation	15,000
BC Museums Association	81,000
BC Touring Council	46,400
Canadian Conference of the Arts	4,500
Canadian Music Centre	41,000
Crafts Association of British Columbia	21,875
Federation of BC Writers	24,300
Greater Vancouver Alliance for Arts and Culture Society	31,000
Theatre BC/BC Drama Association	70,400
Vancouver Ballet Society	10,000
Vancouver Dance Centre Society	43,000
	$533,475

Assistance for Professional Dance Organizations

Dancearts Vancouver Society	58,000
Edam Performing Arts Society	21,500
Kokoro Dance Theatre Society	22,000
Mascall Dance Society	18,000
Pacific Ballet BC Society	234,000
	$353,500

Arts Festivals

Canadian Institute of the Arts for Young Audiences	109,000
Coastal Jazz And Blues Society	26,750
Festival of the Written Arts	22,750
First Vancouver Theatre Space Society	35,000
Greater Vancouver International Film Festival Society	80,000
Harrison Festival Society	15,000
Hornby Festival Society	5,000
Intrepid Theatre Company Society	27,000
Mission Folk Music Festival Society	12,500
Vancouver Folk Music Festival Society	52,500
Vancouver International Comedy Festival Society	13,125
Vancouver International Writers Festival Society	32,000
Victoria Jazz Society	20,000
	$450,625

General

Firehall Theatre Society	36,000
Vancouver East Cultural Centre	73,200
	$109,200

Literary

Capilano Press Society	3,500
Event	5,500
Geist Foundation	7,000
Malahat Review	6,300
Prism International	5,400
Sub-Terrain Literary Collective Society	4,000
West Coast Feminist Literary Magazine Society	5,900
West Coast Review Publishing Society	3,100
	$40,700

Media Arts

Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Society	33,000
Moving Images Distribution Society	31,800
Pacific Cinematheque Pacifique	38,400
Satellite Video Exchange Society	33,200
Western Front Society	25,500
	$161,900

Museums and Archives

Alberni Valley Museum Association	45,800
BC Forest Museum Society	161,250
Boundary Museum Society	9,000
Britannia Beach Historical Society	38,700
Bulkley Valley Historical & Museum Society	11,500
Burnaby Village Museum	70,000
Campbell River & District Museum & Archives Society	54,000
Chilliwack Museum & Historical Society	21,900
Courtenay & District Historical Society	24,000
Cranbrook Archives, Museum & Landmark Foundation	36,000
Delta Museum & Archives Society	13,100
Fraser-Fort George Regional Museum Society	39,000
Greater Vernon Museum & Archives	20,600
Haida Gwaii Museum at Qay'llnagaay	27,500
Irving House Historic Centre	17,500
'Ksan	9,500
Kelowna Centennial Museum Association	56,200
Kitimat Centennial Museum Association	14,900
Kootenay Museum Association & Historical Society	8,500
Langley Centennial Museum & NEC	29,300

Maritime Museum of BC	52,500
Matsqui-Sumas-Abbotsford Museum Society	25,000
Northern British Columbia Museum Association	34,000
Nanaimo & District Museum Society	18,800
North Vancouver Museum & Archives	15,000
O'Keefe Ranch & Interior Heritage Society	47,000
R.N. Atkinson Museum & Archives	6,150
Richmond Museum	18,000
Secwepemc Cultural Education Society	9,500
Sooke Region Museum	26,500
Surrey Museum and Archives	29,100
UBC Museum of Anthropology	65,250
U'mista Cultural Society	39,000
Vancouver Maritime Museum Society	87,000
Vancouver Museum Commission	160,000
West Vancouver Museum & Archives	8,750
	$1,349,800

Music

Kamloops Symphony Society	28,000
Okanagan Symphony Society	36,000
Pacific Opera Victoria	75,000
Prince George Symphony Orchestra Society	29,000
Vancouver Bach Choir	23,400
Vancouver Cantata Singers	13,000
Vancouver Chamber Choir	67,000
Vancouver New Music Society	32,000
Vancouver Opera Association	330,000
Vancouver Society for Early Music	38,000
Vancouver Symphony Society	942,000
Victoria Symphony Society	242,500
	$1,855,900

Training Organizations

Children's Arts Umbrella Association	3,500
Chilliwack Academy of Music	6,000
Kootenay School of Writing	6,000
Langley Community Music School Society	20,000
Main Dance Projects Society	17,000
Metchosin International Summer School of the Arts	8,750
Nanaimo Conservatory of Music	4,500
National Ballet School	3,500
National Theatre School of Canada	10,000
National Youth Orchestra of Canada	10,000
Prince George Music School	8,000

Richmond Community Music School Society	3,700
Vancouver Academy of Music	82,000
Vancouver Youth Symphony Orchestra Society	6,400
Vernon Community Music School	4,000
Victoria College of Art	17,500
Victoria Conservatory of Music	95,500
	$306,350

Theatre

Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society	257,000
Axis Theatre Society	38,400
Belfry Theatre Society	85,000
Bill Miner Society for Cultural Advancement	30,000
Carousel Theatre Society	44,000
Green Thumb Theatre For Young People	69,000
Nanaimo Festival Heritage/Theatre Society	16,000
Playwrights Theatre Centre	65,000
Public Dreams Society	13,000
Story Theatre Productions Society	26,000
Theatre for Living Society	24,000
Theatre La Seizieme	12,000
Theatre North West Society	32,000
Touchstone Theatre Society	40,000
Vancouver Moving Theatre Society	8,500
Vancouver Playhouse Theatre Company	280,000
Western Canada Theatre Company	82,700
	$1,122,600

Visual Arts

Art Gallery of Greater Victoria	211,000
Art Gallery of the South Okanagan	30,000
BC Photography and Media Arts Society	49,225
Campbell River and District Public Art Gallery	8,400
Canadian Craft Museum Association	31,000
Comox Valley Art Gallery	13,000
Contemporary Art Gallery Society of BC	34,725
Grand Forks Art Gallery	13,500
I.E. Artspeak Gallery Society	13,500
Kamloops Art Gallery	71,500
Kelowna Art Gallery Association	21,800
Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science	12,250
Langham Cultural Society & Centre	7,200
Malaspina Printmakers Society	10,900
Nanaimo Art Gallery Society	13,125
Okanagan Artists' Alternative Association	7,000

Open Space Arts Society	28,875
OR Gallery Society	10,000
Pitt International Galleries	10,500
Prince George Art Gallery Association	21,000
Richmond Art Gallery Association	14,900
South Peace Art Society	7,875
Surrey Art Gallery	41,500
Vancouver Art Gallery Association	522,750
Vernon Public Art Gallery Society	16,775
Visible Art Society	10,500
	$1,232,800

Block Funding for Book Publishers

Awards are made to assist eligible British Columbia book publishers to publish books that contribute to the development of provincial or national arts and culture:

Anvil Press Publishers	10,791
Arsenal Pulp Press Book Publishers Ltd.	18,939
Beach Holme Publishers Limited	23,646
Caitlin Press	12,655
Douglas & McIntyre Ltd.	58,931
Ekstasis Editions Society	21,368
Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.	32,052
Heritage House Publishing Company Ltd.	18,259
Horsdal & Schubart Publishers Ltd.	14,015
New Society Publishers	12,063
New Star Books Ltd.	13,076
Oolichan Books	14,706
Orca Book Publishers Ltd.	43,042
Polestar Press Ltd.	9,887
Raincoast Book Distribution Ltd.	24,163
Ronsdale Press	17,036
Sono Nis Press	17,707
Talon Books Ltd.	25,227
Theytus Books Ltd.	12,797
University of BC Press	32,587
Whitecap Books Ltd.	17,887
	$450,834

Professional Arts Projects

Awards are made to assist with special and development activities of professional artists and arts organizations:

Arts Festivals

Centre Culturel Francophone de Vancouver	3,500
Dancing on the Edge Festival Society	10,000
Powell River Academy of Music	11,000
Runnymede Enhancement Society	4,000
Tic.Toc Festival of New Performance Society	3,000
Vancouver Out on Screen Film and Video Festival Society	5,000
Vancouver Society of Storytelling (1999)	3,000
Vancouver Society of Storytelling (2000)	7,000
Victoria Independent Film & Video Festival	5,000
Victoria Literary Arts Festival Society	5,000
	$56,500

Literary/Publishing

Edgewise Cafe & Electronic Literary Society	4,750
	$4,750

Media Arts

Media Network Society	1,500
Moving Pictures: Travelling Film Festival Society	2,500
Pacific Cinematheque Pacifique	1,500
Satellite Video Exchange Society	5,000
	$10,500

Museums

BC Museums Association (1999)	44,350
BC Museums Association (2000)	44,780
Japanese Canadian National Museum & Archives Society	7,000
Kamloops Museum Association	6,000
North Peace Historical Society	4,000
Nuyumbalees Society	8,000
Secwepemc Cultural Education Society	9,500
North Peace Historical Society	4,000
	$127,630

Music

ArtStarts in Schools	5,000
Barking Sphinx Performance Society	3,000
Concentus Corvinus Society	3,000

Islands Concert Society	2,000
Kootenay Chamber Orchestra Association	8,000
Modern Baroque Opera Society	13,500
New Orchestra Workshop Society	6,500
Pacific Baroque Orchestra Society	8,500
Standing Wave Society	4,000
Uzume Taiko Drum Group Society	8,000
Vancouver Chinese Instrumental Music Society	7,000
Vancouver Island Symphony	9,000
Vancouver Pro Musica Society	4,000
	$71,500

Theatre

Bard on the Beach Theatre Society	10,000
Belfry Theatre Society	4,000
Boca Del Lupo Theatre Society	7,500
Chemainus Theatre Society	3,500
Electric Company Theatre Society	9,500
Felix Culpa	5,500
Full Circle: First Nations' Performance	10,000
Graffiti Theatre Company Society	2,000
Pacific Theatre Society	5,000
Pink Ink Theatre Productions Association	14,000
Puente Theatre Society	4,000
Ruby Slippers Production Society	12,500
Rumble Productions Society	12,000
Sea Theatre Society	6,500
Sunshine Theatre Society	6,500
Western Theatre Conspiracy Arts Society	8,000
	$120,500

Training Resources

Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra	2,000
Courtenay Youth Music Centre Society	30,000
Island Mountain Arts Society	5,000
Okanagan Summer School of the Arts	8,000
	$45,000

Visual Arts

Burnaby Art Gallery Association	14,000
Visible Art Society	3,150
	$17,150

Annual Assistance for Professional Dance

Astrid Dance Society	12,000
Crimson Coast Dance Society	10,000
Edmond Kilpatrick Dance Ensemble Society	5,000
Hackenbrook, Daelik	5,000
Holy Body Tattoo Society	20,000
Joe Ink Performance Society	15,000
Karen Jamieson Dance Company	18,000
Kinesis Dance Society	7,500
Lola MacLaughlin Dance Society	15,000
Mandala Arts And Culture Society	10,000
Plan B Dance Productions Society	8,000
Rosario Ancer Flamenco Arts Society	7,000
Smck Dance Society	10,000
Suddenly Dance Theatre Society	11,500
Tolentino, Alvin Erasga	10,000
Victoria Dance Series	5,000
Wild Excursions Productions Society	6,000
	$175,000

Strategic Initiatives

Awards assist arts and cultural organizations for strategic and innovative initiatives that enhance long-term self-sufficiency and/or the organization's ability to respond to economic change. The Strategic Initiatives program is funded through proceeds of the LIVENT ticket surcharge agreement.

ArtStarts in Schools	40,723
Assembly of BC Arts Councils	23,688
BC Arts and Culture Week	52,556
BC Touring Council	7,500
Canadian Institute of the Arts for Young Audiences	9,000
Pacific Ballet BC Society	5,000
Vancouver Arts Stabliization Program	26,282
Vancouver Dance Centre Society (1999)	10,000
Vancouver Dance Centre Society (2000)	4,000
Vancouver East Cultural Centre	10,000
Vancouver Threatresports League	3,000
	$191,749

Music Commissioning

Capriccio Vocal Ensemble	1,250
Chor Leoni Men's Choir	2,200
Drum Heat Productions Society	1,000
Ebbeson, Barbara	2,577
Hammett-Vaughan, Kate	2,154
Hard Rubber New Music Society	1,587
Helikon Ensemble	2,260
Little Chamber Music Series That Could Society	1,409
Rumble Productions Society	4,000
Savage Media Society	3,000
Standing Wave Society	2,838
Touchstone Theatre Society	2,500
Vancouver Summer Festival Society	5,000
Vancouver Symphony Society	4,435
Western Front Society	2,052
	$38,262

Project Assistance for Publishers

Nightwood Editions	5,600
	$5,600

Community Arts Development

Community Arts Council Assistance

Awards assist the activities of community arts councils throughout British Columbia. There were three components to the program: Basic Assistance, Local Government Matching and Incentive.

100 Mile & District Arts Council	4,539
Abbotsford-Matsqui Arts Council	12,655
ARC Arts Council	16,559
Arrow Lakes Arts Council	3,850
Arts Council of New Westminster	8,248
Arts Council of Surrey	22,500
Bella Coola Valley Arts Council	1,337
Bowen Island Arts Council	3,828
Bulkley Valley Community Arts Council	7,424
Burnaby Arts Council	17,000
Burns Lake & District Arts Council	1,720
Campbell River Community Arts Council	8,169
Chetwynd Community Arts Council Society	4,966
Chilliwack Community Arts Council	11,905
Community Arts Council of Alberni Valley	6,547
Community Arts Council of Creston	2,413
Community Arts Council of Fort St. James	3,988
Community Arts Council of Fort St. John	7,187
Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria	20,760
Community Arts Council of Kamloops	11,946
Community Arts Council of Richmond	18,232
Community Arts Council of the Saanich Peninsula	7,160
Community Arts Council of White Rock and District	6,015
Comox Valley Community Arts Council	10,866
Cowichan Valley Arts Council	6,429
Cranbrook & District Arts Council	6,544
Delta Arts Council	11,974
District of Mission Arts Council	6,740
Eagle Valley Arts Council	2,887
Fernie & District Arts Council	5,540
Golden & District Arts Council	4,782
Grand Forks Area Arts Council Society	9,994
Gulf Islands Community Arts Council	4,610
Kelowna & District Arts Council	13,703
Kimberley Arts Council	4,994
Langley Arts Council	11,962
Logan Lake Arts Council	909
Mackenzie Community Arts Council	5,892
Nanaimo Arts Council	11,380
Nelson & District Arts Council	5,888
Nicola Valley Community Arts Council	5,182

North Vancouver Community Arts Council	16,614
Oceanside Community Arts Council	4,110
Oliver Community Arts Council	4,957
Osoyoos Community Arts Council	8,623
Pacific Rim Arts Society	1,514
Penticton & District Community Arts Council	7,737
Powell River Community Arts Council	2,000
Prince George & District Community Arts Council	12,095
Prince Rupert Community Arts Council	6,164
Princeton Community Arts Council	3,972
Queen Charlotte Islands Arts Council	5,111
Quesnel & District Community Arts Council	5,672
Revelstoke Arts Council	7,500
Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council	11,869
Shuswap District Arts Council	9,679
Slocan Lake Gallery Society	2,579
Slocan Valley Community Arts Council	4,091
Sooke Community Arts Council	2,364
South Peace Community Arts Council	5,715
Summerland Community Arts Council	3,726
Terrace & District Arts Council	7,179
Trail & District Community Arts Council	6,357
Vernon Community Arts Council	12,847
West Vancouver Community Arts Council	7,678
Western Communities Arts Council	4,297
Whistler Community Arts Council	3,920
Williams Lake Community Arts Council	6,761
	$514,355

Regional Arts Council Assistance

Awards represent assistance to regional arts councils for communications and coordination of activities:

Central Interior Regional Arts Council	15,300
Kootenay Cultural Network of the Rockies	8,750
Okanagan Mainline Regional Arts Council	6,125
Pacific Region Arts Council	6,000
Peace – Liard Regional Arts Council	12,300
West Kootenay Regional Arts Council	14,875
	$63,350

BC Festival of the Arts

Assistance is provided for the production of an annual provincial arts festival consisting of workshops and performances in theatre, dance, music, film/video, and visual, speech and literary arts:

BC Festival of the Arts Society	750,000
	$750,000

Community Development Projects

Awards are made to support special programs of community and semi-professional arts and cultural organizations:

Arts Festivals

Alouette Arts Society	1,000
ARC Arts Council (1999)	2,500
ARC Arts Council (2000)	2,500
Chilliwack Arts Council	1,500
Comox Valley Community Arts Council (1999)	1,095
Comox Valley Community Arts Council (2000)	2,000
Comox Valley Folk Society (1999)	2,500
Comox Valley Folk Society (2000)	2,500
Cowichan Folk Guild Society (1999)	2,500
Cowichan Folk Guild Society (2000)	2,500
Discovery Coast Music Festival Society (1999)	2,500
Discovery Coast Music Festival Society (2000)	2,500
Festival Gabriola Society	1,000
Fort Langley Community Improvement Society	2,225
Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria	2,500
Kaslo Jazz Etc. Society (1999)	2,500
Kaslo Jazz Etc. Society (2000)	2,500
Kelowna Philharmonic Festival Society (1999)	2,500
Kelowna Philharmonic Festival Society (2000)	2,500
Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society	1,250
Pacific Rim Arts Society (1999)	2,500
Pacific Rim Arts Society (2000)	2,500
Pender Harbour Music Society (1999)	2,500
Pender Harbour Music Society (2000)	2,500
Port Moody Festival of the Arts Society	2,500
Salmon Arm Folk Music Society (1999)	2,500
Salmon Arm Folk Music Society (2000)	2,500
Salt Spring Festival of the Arts Society	1,500
Societe Maillardville-Uni	2,500
Sunshine Folk Festival Society (1999)	2,500

Sunshine Folk Festival Society (2000)	2,500
Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society	2,500
Vancouver Out on Screen Film and Video Festival Society	2,500
Victoria Immigrant & Refugee Centre Society	2,000
	$76,070

General

ARC Arts Council	500
ArtStarts in Schools	27,000
Assembly of BC Arts Councils	12,500
BC Touring Council (1999/2000)	22,000
BC Touring Council (2000/2001)	21,650
Indigenous Arts Service Organization	2,500
Misty River Community Arts Council	1,500
	$87,650

Visual Arts

ARC Arts Council	2,000
	$2,000

Music

Tuned Air Choral Society	2,500
	$2,500

Aboriginal Arts Development

Awards are made to assist aboriginal artists and/or arts organizations to undertake projects that further their professional development:

Baptiste, Virginia	4,000
Baptiste, Coral	5,000
Beam, Leonard	5,000
Bonneau, Tracy K.	4,000
Burke, Robert	5,000
Chartrand, Yvonne	4,690
Cranmer, Tyler	4,000
First Peoples' Cultural Foundation	30,000
George, Leonard Andrew	3,200
Hillis, Errol	5,000
Hunter, Troy	3,750
Indigenous Arts Service Organization	5,000
Inner City Foster Parents Project	2,500
James, Francis	3,000
Lizotte, William	4,000

Longboat, Jerry	4,850
Louis, Shirley A.	4,100
Manuel, Judy	4,000
Marsden, Rasunah	3,500
Merasty Levac, Angelique	3,000
Mission Indian Friendship Centre	3,500
Moody, Garner	4,495
Nanoose First Nation	4,000
Napoleon, Art	2,500
Olson, Michelle	2,700
Pinkut Lake	7,000
Red Roots Theatre Group	5,000
Reece, Skeena	3,745
Saddleman, Dennis	4,000
Sidlar, Jimy	3,000
Solomon, Tony	4,000
	$151,530

Touring Programs

Community Presenter Program

Awards are made to assist non-profit community organizations in the public presentation of professional Canadian performing arts events:

100 Mile & District Arts Council	2,500
Arrow Lakes Arts Council	2,500
Bella Coola Valley Arts Council	2,500
Bulkley Valley Concert Association	2,500
Capitol Theatre	3,500
Chilliwack Community Arts Council	1,750
Coast Recital Society	2,500
Community Arts Council of Fort St. James	2,340
Community Arts Council of the Alberni Valley	2,500
Cowichan Community Centre	5,000
Creston Concert Society	2,500
Denman Island Arts & Crafts Society	2,500
Fernie & District Arts Council	2,500
Galiano Concert Committee	2,250
Golden And District Arts Council	2,500
Houston Concert Association	2,500
Kaslo Concert Society	2,500
Key City Theatre Society	2,500
Kitimat Concert Association	2,500
Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre	2,500
Mackenzie Festival Concert Society	2,500
Mayne Island Concerts Society	2,320
North Island Concert Society	2,500
North Peace Cultural Society	3,500
Osoyoos & District Arts Council	2,500
Penticton & District Arts Council	2,500
Port Theatre Society	5,000
Powell River Academy Of Music	1,858
Prince George Folk Society	2,500
Prince Rupert Concert Society	2,500
Quadra Island Recreation Society	2,500
Queen Charlotte Islands Arts Council	2,500
Quesnel Live Arts Society	1,650
Revelstoke Arts Council	2,500
Salmon Arm Folk Music Society	2,500
Saturna Island Arts & Concert Society	1,975
Sooke Community Arts Council	2,500
South Okanagan Concert Society	2,500
Summerland Community Arts Council	2,000
Sunshine Coast Arts Council	2,500
Sunshine Theatre Society	1,857
Tidemark Theatre Society	2,500

Whistler Community Arts Council	2,500
Williams Lake Community Arts Council	5,000
	$115,000

Artists in Education

Awards are made to assist school districts in the presentation of professional Canadian arts events to young audiences. The Artists in Education program is a partnership with the Vancouver Foundation and ArtStarts in Schools. The British Columbia Arts Council contributed a total of $275,000 to the list of awards below:

Federation of Independent Schools Association	17,816
School District 05 South East Kootenay	11,790
School District 06 Rocky Mountain	12,125
School District 08 Kootenay Lake	12,460
School District 10 Arrow Lakes	4,504
School District 19 Revelstoke	5,010
School District 20 Kootenay – Columbia	11,455
School District 22 Vernon	10,080
School District 23 Central Okanagan	19,148
School District 27 Cariboo – Chilcotin	15,966
School District 28 Quesnel	9,820
School District 33 Chilliwack	8,000
School District 34 Abbotsford	10,100
School District 35 Langley	10,900
School District 36 Surrey	19,577
School District 37 Delta	8,900
School District 38 Richmond	11,600
School District 39 Vancouver	19,555
School District 40 New Westminster	4,750
School District 41 Burnaby	11,400
School District 42 Maple Ridge	8,200
School District 43 Coquitlam	13,600
School District 44 North Vancouver	9,500
School District 45 West Vancouver	5,350
School District 46 Sunshine Coast	6,480
School District 47 Powell River	6,400
School District 48 Howe Sound	5,826
School District 49 Central Coast	1,152
School District 50 Haida Gwaii	5,750
School District 51 Boundary	5,850
School District 52 Prince Rupert	9,519
School District 53 Okanagan – Similkameen	5,640
School District 54 Bulkley Valley	7,895
School District 57 Prince George	19,002

School District 58 Nicola-Similkameen	6,480
School District 59 Peace River South	14,000
School District 60 Peace River North	12,370
School District 61 Greater Victoria	19,401
School District 62 Sooke	9,406
School District 63 Saanich	8,600
School District 64 Gulf Islands	5,850
School District 67 Okanagan-Skaha	8,305
School District 68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith	16,142
School District 69 Qualicum	5,019
School District 70 Alberni	7,740
School District 71 Comox Valley	10,919
School District 72 Campbell River	9,210
School District 73 Kamloops-Thompson	17,799
School District 74 Gold Trail	6,209
School District 75 Mission	5,850
School District 78 Fraser-Cascade	6,270
School District 79 Cowichan Valley	12,140
School District 81 Fort Nelson	2,550
School District 82 Coast Mountains	15,329
School District 83 North Okanagan-Shuswap	10,050
School District 84 Vancouver Island West	5,750
School District 85 Vancouver Island North	10,150
School District 87 Stikine	3,480
School District 91 Nechako Lakes	12,802
School District 92 Nisga'a	3,877
	$590,818

Touring Exhibition Assistance

Awards are made to assist with the circulation of regional, provincial and national visual arts and museological exhibitions throughout the province:

Campbell River and District Public Art Gallery	2,918
Evergreen Cultural Centre	2,830
Vernon Public Art Gallery Society	3,000
	$8,748

International Touring Assistance

Awards are intended to assist professional BC artists and arts organizations develop markets outside of Canada:

Graham, Rodney	5,000
Holy Body Tattoo Society	17,500

Kokoro Dance Theatre Society	5,000
Matheson, Alan	1,000
Pacific Ballet BC Society	4,000
Pacific Cinematheque Pacifique	2,000
Self-Propelled Music	1,000
Vancouver Art Gallery Association	15,000
	$50,500

Arts Awards for Individuals

Professional Development Assistance

Awards are made to assist professional artists or arts administrators with tuition and course-related costs for the purpose of improving their skills:

Allen, J. Kim	1,000
Behrman, Keith	1,200
Cookshaw, Marlene J.	600
Craig, Brock G.	500
Dunn, Bruce R.	1,500
Greco, Heidi	600
Horton, Stacey J.	400
Labelle, Katherine A.	750
Macrae, Phoebe R.J.	1,200
McLaughlin, Michael	1,200
Mercer, Johanna	1,200
Morgado, Claudia	1,200
Ormond, Erin	400
Parent, Geraldine R.	1,000
Periodical Writers Association of Canada	1,000
Stanley, Karen I.	900
Thomas, Elizabeth (Betty)	1,000
Villeneuve, Benoit	1,200
Wheeler, Colleen B.	400
Whiting, Glynis	983
Wild, Nettie	1,000
	$19,233

Project Assistance for Visual Arts

Awards are made on a project basis to assist individual visual artists to realize creative projects:

Ahlers, Sonja	5,000
Anderson, Randall	5,000
Andreyev, Julie	5,000
Arden, Roy	5,000
Ball, Gregory	5,000
Blackbridge, Persimmon	3,333
Borsos, Jeremy David	5,000
Burrows, Thomas	5,000
Campbell, Neil	5,000
Chartrand, Elizabeth Judy	5,000
Cole, Barbara	5,000
Congdon, Daniel	5,000
Forkert, Kirsten	5,000

Gammon, Lynda	5,000
Gaudette, George	5,000
Gelineau, Robert	5,000
Genton, Monique	5,000
Goreas, Nicholas Lee	5,000
Gu, Xiong	5,000
Hannah, Adad	5,000
Haraldsson, Arni	5,000
Hirsch, Antonia	5,000
Hogg, Lucy	5,000
Janze, Philip	5,000
Johnson, Jay	5,000
Jones, Lizard	3,333
Jungen, Brian	5,000
Koester, James	5,000
Linsley, Robert	5,000
Longman, Mary V.	5,000
MacLeod, Jocelyn Myfanwy	5,000
Madill, Kevin John	5,000
Mattila, Donna L.	5,000
McNealy, Robert	5,000
Moppett, Damian	5,000
Morgan, David Bradley	5,000
Norbury, Rosamond	5,000
Okano, Haruko	5,000
Oksanen, Shannon	5,000
Pearson, Gary	5,000
Rea, Charles John	5,000
Rivet, Rick	5,000
Rojnic, Richard	5,000
Root, Derek	5,000
Schmidt, Kevin	5,000
Shearer, Steven R.	5,000
Stanbridge, Jeremy A.	5,000
Starkey, Christopher James	5,000
Stewart, Susan A.	3,334
Terada, Ron	5,000
Thompson, Diana Lynn	5,000
Tsang, Henry	5,000
Ursuliak, Howard	5,000
Van Delft, Femke	5,000
Waddell, Stephen D.	5,000
Yoon, Jin-Me	5,000
	$275,000

Project Assistance for Creative Writers

Awards are made on a project basis to assist individual creative writers to realize creative projects:

Adderson, Caroline	5,000
Cameron, Barbara Anne	10,000
Cochrane, Mark James	5,000
Crean, Susan	10,000
Gom, Leona	10,000
Gould, John	5,000
Hamilton, Jane Eaton	10,000
Hesketh, Carla Sue	3,600
Hume, Stephen Eaton	5,000
Kerr, Kevin J.	5,000
Koppel, Thomas P.	5,000
Lane, Patrick	10,000
Linsley, Robert	5,000
MacLeod, M. Joan	10,000
Medved, Maureen Helen	5,000
Miki, Roy	10,000
Odhiambo, David Nandi	5,000
Payerle, George Thomas	10,000
Peace, Barbara Colebrook	5,000
Pearson, J. Miranda	5,000
Robertson, Lisa	5,000
Rodriguez, Carmen Laura	5,000
Rose, Alexander Gordon	5,000
Scofield, Gregory A.	10,000
Smith, Jean	5,000
Smith, Michael V.	5,000
Spalding, Andrea Judith	8,000
Stewart, Shannon Jane	5,000
Swanson, Diane	5,000
Walsh, Ann	10,000
Windley, Carol	5,000
Wyatt, Valerie	4,000
Young, Patricia Rose	10,000
	$220,600

Film and Video Production Assistance

Awards are made on a project basis to assist independent filmmakers and video artists to realize creative projects.

Chung, Laiwan L.	10,000
Cottam, Kevin J.	10,000
Denton, Andrew Beyer	10,000
James, Sheila	7,000
Johnson, Brian	10,000
Jurcic, Daniela	10,000
Kiyooka, Jan Fumiko	15,000
Kwan, Julia	10,000
Manly, Paul David	7,000
Mills, Michael	8,831
Noonan, Gail	15,000
Ostrom, Martin Joeseph Paul	10,000
Reeves, Richard Roger	8,926
Regan, Ronald Francis	6,325
Rimmer, David	20,000
Ripper, Velcrow	15,000
Rosenberg, Steve	10,000
Spangler, Bruce	10,000
Tereszko, Valerie	12,500
Thorpe, Richa	10,000
Woo, Howie	8,500
	$224,082

Scholarship Awards

Awards are made to support the full-time winter study programs of B.C. post-secondary arts students at institutions throughout the world at junior and senior levels:

Creative Writing – Junior

Nyberg, Brianna Leone	1,200
Roman, Hannah	2,000
Wabegijig, Vera M.	600
	$3,800

Creative Writing – Senior

Borkent, Brandi	2,600
Campbell, Deborah	2,600
Chong, Kevin	3,500
Lee, Nancy	3,500
Price, Steven R.H.	2,600
Rysstad, Jean	3,500
Wooldridge, Robert	3,500
	$21,800

Dance – Junior

Dorsey, Sara	2,000
Rhodes, Allison	600
	$2,600

Dance – Senior

Barker, Ashley Lynn	1,700
Boariu, Ramona	2,600
Branson, Megan	2,600
Chung, Frances	3,500
Greenfeld, Cecily	1,700
Lutz, Courtney Frances	1,700
Poluch, Zoe Estelle	3,500
Russo, Anna Louise	2,600
Stewart, Stefan	3,500
	$23,400

Drama – Junior

Denning, Jessica	2,000
Guillou, Jackee	600
Lange, Heidi Fox	1,200
Petryshen, Hayley Marguerite	1,200
Stubel, Celine	2,000
Wallace, Kimberly Laura	2,000
	$9,000

Drama – Senior

Clausen, Amy Marie	2,600
Cook, Robina	2,600
Faux, Zara	2,600
Goddard, Karen E.	1,700
Kucheran, Tamara Marie	2,600
Mayert, Alison	1,700
Shaw, Stephanie	1,700
	$15,500

Museology & Conservation – Senior

Collins, Carolyn	2,600
Leonard, Joshua	1,700
Stacy, Sarah	1,700
Swierenga, Heidi	1,700
	$7,700

Music – Junior

Bigelow, Myles	600
Booth, Theresa Amutra	1,200
De La Haye, Eve-Lyn	1,200
Howe, A. Alys	2,000
Kim, Cecilia Jung-Ah	600
Kirczenow, Gregory Peter	1,200
Klassen, Jonathan	1,200
Maw, Michael A.	2,000
Poppy, Chalium Sian Paidrac	1,200
Summers, Tyler	1,200
Warriner, Sarah	600
	$13,000

Music – Senior

Ashworth, Robert James	2,600
Black, Susan	1,700
Chan, Grace	2,600
Chow, Daniel	3,500
Chow, Stephanie	2,600
Collins, Peter	1,700
Duncan, Tyler	3,500
Kambeitz, Niklas	1,700
Kim, Soo-Hyun Sonia	1,700
Laing, Amy E.	1,700
Lim, Jennifer J.	3,500
Lysack, Christopher	1,700
McDougall, Donald Ian	2,600
Meyer, Victoria (Tory)	2,600
Raine, Jennifer	3,500
Strain, Darryl Michael	1,700
Switzer, Erika	2,600
Vohradsky, Vincent	2,600
Wong, Catherine	1,700
Yawney, Yuel	1,700
Yeh, Cynthia	2,600
	$50,100

Visual Arts – Junior

Bockner, Rosemary	600
Bryan, Cara	2,000
Desrosiers, Trisha	600
Hebert, Sonja	1,200
Ho, Mikki Ka Man	1,200
Inkpen, Sharon	1,200

Kim, Hyojin	600
Lin, Hannah	600
Nunes, Marie Andrea	600
Pogue, Ron	600
Rankin, Sara Ann	600
Ripley, Jan	600
Roach, Thomas A.	1,200
Sum, Vivian	2,000
	$13,600

Visual Arts – Senior

Birdsall, Kali	2,600
Gregson, Grant	1,700
Khang, David Y.	1,700
Leung, Mou Kit	1,700
Louth, Carly Ann	1,700
MacRae, Sheena	1,700
Mochizuki, Cindy Nami	2,600
Ngan, Gailan	1,700
Perkins, Richard	2,600
Quan, Leo	1,700
Szoke, Donna Elaine	2,600
Thomsett, Mia	2,600
	$24,900

Media Arts – Junior

Bodruzic, Bojan	2,000
Gordon, Jessica	600
Thorburn, Nick	2,000
	$4,600

Media Arts – Senior

Bradley, Maureen	1,700
Forbes, Evelyn May	1,700
Matthews, Buddy	1,700
McKay, Richard	2,600
Muravlov, Aglaya	3,500
Robideau, Frank	1,700
Sandor, Zsolt	2,600
Smith, Dylan Akio	2,600
	$18,100
	$208,100

British Columbia Arts Council Awards Summary – 1999/2000

Professional Arts Development	
Operating Assistance	7,516,850
Block Funding for Book Publishers	450,834
Professional Arts Projects	640,130
Community Arts Development	
Community Arts Council Assistance	514,355
Regional Arts Council Assistance	63,350
BC Festival of the Arts	750,000
Community Development Projects	168,220
Aboriginal Arts Development	151,530
Touring Programs	
Community Presenter Program	115,000
Artists in Education	275,000
Touring Exhibition Assistance	8,748
International Touring Assistance	50,500
Arts Awards for Individuals	
Professional Development Assistance	19,233
Project Assistance for Visual Arts	275,000
Project Assistance for Creative Writers	220,600
Film and Video Production Assistance	224,082
Scholarship Awards	208,100
Total Awards	**$11,651,532**
Administrative Expenditures	**$176,589**
Arts Council Meeting Expense	32,319
Professional Services	32,840
Advisory and Jury Expense	82,371
Information Systems	10,250
Office Expenses	18,532
Materials	277
Strategic Initiatives Program	**$191,749**
(Proceeds of the LIVENT ticket surcharge agreement)	

British Columbia Arts Council

The province of British Columbia recognizes the significant contribution made by the arts and cultural community to the life of the province and is committed to supporting and developing that community.

Through the British Columbia Arts Council, the province offers programs that support the artistic and cultural community. These programs assist community and professional arts and cultural organizations and individual artists, as well as encouraging greater access to cultural and artistic experiences throughout the province.

The British Columbia Arts Council is an independent agency established by the Province of British Columbia to:

- provide support for arts and culture in British Columbia;
- provide persons and organizations with the opportunity to participate in the arts and culture in British Columbia; and,
- provide an open, accountable, and neutrally administered process for managing funds for British Columbia arts and culture.

In performing its duties, the Arts Council must:

- consult with artists, arts and cultural organizations, governments, and other interested communities;
- allocate the money appropriated annually for the Council by the Legislature; and,
- support arts and culture in British Columbia through the following:
    - public education, research and advocacy,
    - awarding grants, and
    - the production and distribution of information on the Council and arts and culture in B.C.

The Council consists of 15 members who are broadly representative of the regions, cultural diversity, and artistic communities of British Columbia. Members are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council who also designates the chair and the vice-chair of the Council.

The Role of the Cultural Services Branch

The Cultural Services Branch (CSB) is responsible for:

- ensuring the complete and orderly management of all British Columbia Arts Council programs;

- consulting with arts organizations, individuals and other government agencies;
- preparing regular reports on the effectiveness of programs and policies, on the needs of the arts community and on administrative procedures; and,
- co-ordinating all Arts Council activities.

Development of Program Guidelines

The guidelines outlined in individual program descriptions have been developed through consultation with individuals and organizations in the arts and cultural community, along with recommendations from the British Columbia Arts Council and its advisory committees. Program guidelines and eligibility criteria are regularly reviewed and updated. Programs are subject to revision, suspension or cancellation without notice.

While program guidelines are not intended to limit the applicant's creativity, they do indicate the general priorities and goals of the awards programs.

Application Policies and Procedures

Application Procedure

1. All applicants must contact the program co-ordinator prior to making an application.
2. Applications must be made on forms provided. Additional application requirements are specific to each program and must be submitted according to program guidelines, which are available from the branch. The Council is not responsible for the loss or damage of supporting materials submitted with applications.
3. Applications will not be accepted retroactively.
4. Any major changes in budgets and/or projects after an application has been submitted must be in writing and discussed with the program co-ordinator.
5. Applicants are required to submit a final report on the activity supported including an audited financial statement if requested by the Arts Council.
6. Applicants must allow CSB staff, British Columbia Arts Council members, advisors or authorized assessors reasonable access to review and assess funded projects.

Assessment Process

Each application received is first registered and then assigned to a program co-ordinator who is responsible for ensuring that the application is complete and meets eligibility criteria for the program.

Following preparation by the program co-ordinator, each application is presented for adjudication to a minimum of one of the following bodies:

- an independent peer jury
- an advisory committee for the applicable discipline
- the Management Committee
- the British Columbia Arts Council.

Awards are considered by the British Columbia Arts Council at one of several meetings held annually.

Awards Decisions and Notification

Applicants are notified of decisions in writing following the review process, which may require 10 to 12 weeks or more after the deadline.

1. All applicants will be notified of the award decisions by letter. Applicants receiving an award must fulfill any terms or conditions determined during the adjudication process.

2. The British Columbia Arts Council will notify applicants of any terms and conditions related to award payment schedules. Awards may not necessarily be at the maximum level of support available.

3. Operating award decisions may be appealed. Notice of appeal must be filed with the British Columbia Arts Council within 30 days of the decision announcement. Appeals must be based on significant new information which was unavailable at the time of the original evaluation. Juried arts awards decisions are not subject to appeal.

Acknowledgement of Awards

Recipients must acknowledge assistance on all written materials relating to the program or project. This includes media releases, advertisements, posters, programs and other promotional materials.

The acknowledgement must include the British Columbia Arts Council logo together with one of the following lines:

- Supported by the Province of British Columbia.
- We acknowledge the support of the Province of British Columbia through the British Columbia Arts Council.